

# **BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006 Battle Creek (MSA) [12980]**

Battle Creek is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2006 population of 137,536 ranked 274th in the nation.

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Battle Creek had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$29,862. This PCPI ranked 233rd in the United States and was 81 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.5 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Battle Creek was \$21,987 and ranked 159th in the United States. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.3 percent.

## TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Battle Creek had a total personal income (TPI) of \$4,107,089\*. This TPI ranked 272nd in the United States. In 1996 the TPI of Battle Creek was \$3,004,022\* and ranked 241st in the United States. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 4.0 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 3.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.4 percent.

## COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Battle Creek. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 63.2 percent of TPI (compared with 68.1 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 15.7 percent (compared with 14.8 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 21.1 percent (compared with 17.1 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 1.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 10.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.7 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 2.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.4 percent.

## EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Battle Creek increased from \$3,245,896\* in 2005 to \$3,291,099\* in 2006, an increase of 1.4 percent. The 2005-2006 national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$2,617,145\* to the 2006 estimate was 2.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.5 percent.

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<sup>\*</sup>Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.